

NEW-YORK DAILY TRIBUNE, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1863.

TRIBUNE PRIZE STRAWBERRIES.

We reprint the following for the benefit of those who may have seen it last week.

Notice to Subscribers.

About the 10th of September I shall commence sending to each of the subscribers of the Tribune as have specially ordered them, the "Prize Strawberry Plants" to which they are entitled, and no other, until further orders, and continue as rapidly as possible until all are sent out. But owing to the immense quantity required, it will not be possible to pack and send all of them in one day or one week; yet I hope to pack them all within the month.

Each Club will receive their plants in one package, unless the Club is very large, in such cases they will be put in two or more packages. The names of those entitled to them will be inclosed with the plants, and a sufficient number will be sent to allow each subscriber one plant of each of the three varieties. Each variety will be labeled by numbers, instead of the names being written in full. No. 1 is Col. Ellsworth, No. 2 Monitor, and No. 3 Brooklyn Scarlet.

So soon as the plants are received they should be unpacked, and if at all dry and wilted they should be dipped in water and then placed in a dark place for a few hours until they revive.

PLANTING.

Create a dry situation for the reception of the plants, dig the soil deep and make it moderately rich if it is not too sandy. Spread on the roots carefully, and cover them as deeply as you can without covering the crown of the plants; press the soil firmly about the roots; then give them a good soaking with pure water, after which place something over them for a shade, but do not lay it down on the plants, but have it elevated a few inches above them. Give them water as often as they require it, but not enough to cause them to rot. At the approach of even weather, or so soon as the ground begins to freeze, cover the plants with some straw or hay to the depth of two inches, and allow it to remain on them until the ground thaws in the Spring. I shall endeavor to pass the plants that will arrive at their destination in safety, and if the above directions are fully complied with the subscribers to THE TRIBUNE will have an opportunity of tasting next season three varieties of prize strawberries. A. S. FULLER.

American Institute Fair.

There was some improvement in the character of the Fair yesterday. It was needed. There may be more to good advantage to-day. Indeed, it is promised that there will be. We hope there will be. We wish it was possible for the Society to get into a more suitable building, for however well suited it may be for a musical hall and theatrical representations, it is not adapted for a great show of ridings that will represent the advance and improvement in all branches of American Industry of which the American Institute pretends to be the great fountain-head. We are sorry to say that in this the institution makes a most sorry present.

But it is of the present show that the public want information. "Is it worth going to see?" That is the great question that the public want answered. Let us try to be candid and to the point. In the first place, the show is not a large one. It cannot be. The space is already crowded and more is called for hourly. Much of it is filled with ponderous machines, that are causing only to go to 2000. It is a thousand of these who will stare at them, or with piles of agricultural implements—piled up as to represent a mass of undistinguishable objects—set out apparently at the earnest solicitation of the managers by the wagon load at a time when they thought the chance very slight of getting anything to fill up—and by the owners because they thought "it would pay thus to advertise their wares." As they are exhibited, they are not curious, nor are they calculated greatly to promote agricultural improvement. The greater part of the remaining floor space is taken up with show cases and show tables of various city shopkeepers, for the same purpose that they make easily show case and show windows to their own shops, all of which shows a laudable ambition to advertise. Sewing-machines are present in force, and Madame Democrat shows great business enterprise as well as the latest fashions. Household articles "too numerous to mention," including an array of washing-machines and "universal clothes wringers" and "squeezers," which we really commend to the attention of every visitor. No family can possibly afford to do without one of these machines for squeezing the water out of washed clothes, because they save half the labor of washing day. And since the inventors of washing-machines have got back to the simplicity of the old fulling mill, perhaps we shall be able to say a word in their favor.

Among the things for the managers of the Show to do to make it interesting to visitors, is to see that every article, no matter how small, is distinctly labeled with its name and purpose. As it is now, it requires a cure chisel to tell a patent kerogen-lamp-stove-coffee-pot from a patent ice-cream-freezer. We saw one man insist that a new mowing-machine was a horse-rake, and possibly he might have been right, for it was unlike any other mower we have ever seen, and had no label to indicate to the uninitiated what it was intended for.

There is one contemptible practice of some of the exhibitors which the managers should promptly reform. It is all right for each one to advertise his wares all he can—that is what he goes there for—but he should be decent about it. Let him keep as many cards as he pleases on his own premises, and give away as many as he can get people to take—and we advise every housekeeper to take all that are offered—they are very useful to kindle fires, or to boil at six cents a pound to the paper makers; but we insist upon it that no decent man will stick his advertisement upon his neighbor's goods. Specific and proper advertising is a civil institution. Promotional advertising as now practiced by some exhibitors, is a nuisance, which the managers should abate. There are some other things that we shall criticize by and by, perhaps, but as "things are not yet arranged," we shall wait a little.

And now, "is the show worth visiting?" Honestly, then, yes. If it is your object to look after and examine some new and curious things, you will find enough of such to gratify you and keep you busy for some hours. For this purpose go in the day time, for then, although the light is about as bad as it can be though aided by gas, there are fewer people and better opportunities to see things.

If it is your object to see a crowd of gay people by gas-light, then the show is worth visiting because there is enough of it to attract idle people, and make a crowd, who go home satisfied that they have "seen the fair." We forgot in telling what was to be seen, to pay that about one-fourth of the floor is covered with "great curiosities," that is great pianos, and those which will make a great noise every evening, that will be worth going to hear, and altogether the show is "cheap enough at a quarter." It is not what a show—we beg pardon of the managers—"the annual fair of the American Institute," should be. As such—as the exponent of American Industry in manufactures, mechanism, agriculture, &c., and as a great exhibition of American invention, this "fair" is simply contemptible.

As a show, got up in a Barnum, though sadly lacking in its tact, it is a show worth visiting. It is a good place to spend an evening. A good place for the old folks to go with the children. A good place for a social meeting—a good place for a chat, and without it is worth the money. So we say go to the show at the Academy of Music, and forget, if you can, that it pretends to be the great Annual Fair of the American Institute," such as it held in old times at Nibbs', Castle Garden, and the Crystal Palace.

MOZART ON DEMOCRATIC SUPREMACY.—On Thursday night a brief session was held by the Mozart General Committee, when the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That, in view of the exigencies of our country, it is the duty of the Democratic party to do all in their power to secure the return of the State Government, and to the administration of the State Government; it is therefore recommended to the delegates from this county to support the State Convention delegates, to assist in securing the adoption of such union by voting for the same.

A meeting of the Mozart delegates will be held at Tammany Hall on Monday afternoon.

CITY EVENTS.

SATURDAY CONCERT.—The Central Park Commissioners announce that there will be music at the Central Park, on the Mall, at 4 o'clock p.m., this afternoon, by the Central Park Band, under the leadership of H. B. Dowdworth, if the weather is fine.

1. Central Park March.....H. B. Dowdworth
2. Overture—Crown Diamonds.....Auber
3. Zerlina Polka.....Eduard
4. Selection from Attiles.....Mendelssohn

PART II.
5. Grand March Triumphal.....E. Melchers
6. Overture—Raid Von Alten.....Meyerbeer
7. Grand Selection from Le Dieu De La Mort.....Mendelssohn
8. Arias and Chorus from Elsie.....D'Albert

PART III.
9. March, from "Il Polino".....Donizetti
10. Waltz—Russian Lieder.....Gounod
11. Song—My Love Is True, the Red, Red Rose.....D'Albert
12. War Galop.....National Pot Pourri

The Rev. E. H. Chapin, after a year's absence in Europe, will resume his pulpit ministrations to-morrow morning.

OUR FOREIGN RELATIONS.—On this most important subject the Hon. Charles Sumner will address the citizens of New-York, at Cooper Institute, next Thursday evening. This theme has become one of intense and national interest, and treated by Mr. Sumner, will be invested with all the attractiveness which the Senator's eloquence, statesmanship, and patriotism of ways throw around the subjects he inclines to discuss.

RIOT CLAIMS.—The Committee of the Supervisors are slowly considering the riot claims, getting through with about twenty every day. Several formal demands for payment have been served on the Controller, and litigation will probably result unless arrangements are soon made for a more speedy settlement.

HORSE-SHOERS.—The journeymen horse-shoers of New-York and other cities have adopted the following rate of wages: Firemen not less than \$25 per day for ten hours' work; firemen not less than \$2 per day for ten hours' work.

THE NINTH MILITIA REGIMENT.—At a recent election in this regiment, Lieut. Col. Rutherford presiding, Ralph A. Manning was elected Captain of Company C, Charles S. Strong Captain of Company D, and Thomas W. Howard 2d Lieutenant of Company E.

PROGRESS OF RECRUITING.—Since the first of the present year, 4,775 volunteers have entered the old and new regiments respectively from this city, as may be seen by reference to the annexed table, and have been mustered into the United States service by Lieut. Col. Beebe. During the past two months there have been upward of 600 re-enlistments, and no doubt there would have been more but for the prospect of high bounties being paid by those in wait of substituted recruits.

The Committee on County Officers presented a report in favor of adopting resolution as follows:

Resolved, That the bill of John C. Young, for services as acting messenger to the Board of Supervisors from August 7, 1862, amounting to \$72, be audited allowed, and the Comptroller directed to pay it from appropriation for "County Officers."

Which was adopted by the following vote, viz:

Affirmative—Supervisors Blunt, Conner, Davis, Little, Purdy, and Weissmann—7.

Negative—Lieut. Col. T. C. Stewart, and John F. McNamee—1.

On motion, the Board then adjourned.

At 10 o'clock, the President declared the Board adjourned without day.

JOS. B. YOUNG, Clerk.

Which was referred to the Committee on Criminal Courts and Police.

REPORTS.—The Committee on Criminal Courts and Police presented a report in favor of adopting resolution as follows:

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